containing a limitation or restriction to the effect aforesaid.

Ninth. The number of votes to which each stockholder or Stockholders Copartnership body politic or corporate, holding stock in the said Company shall be entitled on every occasion, when in conformity to the provisions and requirements of these articles the votes thereof are to be given, shall be in the proportion following, that is to say, For one share, and not more than two, one vote; for every two shares above two, and not exceeding ten, one vote, making five votes for ten shares; for every four shares above ten, and not exceeding thirty, one vote, making ten votes for thirty shares; for every six shares above thirty, and not exceeding sixty, one vote, making fifteen votes for sixty shares; and for every eight shares above sixty, and not exceeding one hundred, one vote, making twenty votes for one hundred. But no person or persons, Copartnership body politic or corporate, shall be entitled to a greater number than twenty votes, and all stock holders resident within this Province, or elsewhere, may vote by proxy, if he, she, or they shall see fit, provided that such proxy be a stockholder, and do produce a sufficient authority from his constituents, for so representing and voting for him, her, or them, provided also, that after the first election of Directors, no share or shares of the capital stock of the Company shall confer a right of voting either in person, or by proxy, which shall not have been holden during three Calendar months, at the least, prior to the day of election, or of the general meeting, where the votes of the stock-holders are to be given.

Ninth. None but a stock holder, actually resident in the town of Kingston, and holding at least ten shares in the capital stock, and being a natural born subject of His Majesty, or a subject of His Majesty naturalized by act of the British Parliament, or a subject of His Majesty, having become such by the conquest and cession of this Province, or any person who shall have resided seven years in either of the Canadas, and in any of the above cases, who shall have resided one year in this Town, shall be capable of being elected or chosen a Director of the said Bank or shall serve as such.

Tenth. Nine of the Directors in office shall be re elected for the next succeeding twelve months, of which the President and Vice-President shall always be of the number.

Eleventh. No Director shall be entitled to any salary or emolument, unless the same shall have been allowed to him, by a general meeting of the stock holders, but the stock holders may make such compensation to the President or Vice-President for their extraordinary attendance at the Bank, as shall appear to them to be reasonable and proper.

Twelfth. Not less than five Directors shall constitute a board, for the transaction of business, whereof the President or Vice President shall always be one, except in case of sickness and necessary absence, in which case their places may be supplied by any other Director whom the President or Vice-President so sick or absent, shall respectively by writing, under their hands, appoint, for that purpose. The President and Vice-President, shall vote at the board as Directors, and in case of there being an equal number of votes for and against any question before them, the President, and in his absence, the Vice-President, shall have a casting voice.

Thirteenth. Any number of stockholders, not less than fifty, who together shall be proprietors of two hundred and fifty shares, shall have power at any time by themselves or their proxies, to call a general meeting of the Stockholders, for purposes relative to the said Association, giving at least six weeks notice thereof in at least one Newspaper published in this town, and specifying in such notice the time and place for such meeting with the object or objects thereof; and the directors, or any seven of them, shall have the like power at any time (upon observing the like formalities) to call a general meeting as above said. And if the object for which any general meeting called either by the Stockholders or Directors as above said shall be to consider of a proposal for the removal of the President, Vice President or other Directors or Directors, for mal-administration, then and in such cases the person or persons so proposed to be removed, shall from the day on which such notice shall first be published be suspended from the execution of the duties of his or their office; and if he be the President or Vice-President his place shall be filled up by the remaining directors, to serve during the time of such suspension.

Fourteenth. Every Cashier and Clerk of the Bank, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall give bond, with two or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the Directors; that is to say, Every Cashier in a sum not less than ten Thousand Pounds, with condition for his good and faithful behaviour; and every Clerk with like condition and sureties, in such sum as the Directors shall consider adequate to the trust to be reposed in him.

Fifteenth. The Company shall not hold any lands and tenements but such as may be necessary for the transaction and accommodation of the business of the Bank and for no other purpose. It shall nevertheless be competent for the directors on behalf of the company, to take and hold mortgages on property by way of additional security for debts contracted with the said Company in the course of its dealings; but on no account shall money be lent upon mortgage, or upon lands and other fixed property, nor such be purchased by the company upon any pretext, except in the special case above recited.

Sixteenth. The total amount of the debts which the Company shall at any time owe, whether by Bond, bill, or Note, or other contract whatsoever, shall not exceed treble the amount of the capital stock actually paid in (over and above a sum equal in amount to such money, as may be deposited in the Bank for safe keeping) and in case of excess, the Directors, under whose administration it shall happen, shall be liable for the same, in their natural and private capacities, but it shall not exempt the company or the lands, tenements, goods or chattels thereof from being also liable for such excess; such Director however, as shall have been absent when the said excess was contracted, or shall have entered their protest against it upon the minutes of the proceedings of the board, may respectively exonerate and discharge themselves therefrom, by giving and proving such absence, or shewing such minutes.

Seventeenth. The shares of the Capital stock shall be assignable and transferable, according to such rules and forms as may be established in that behalf, by the board of Directors, but no assignment or transfer shall be valid or effectual, unless such assignment or transfer shall be entered or registered in a book or books, to be kept by the Directors for that purpose, nor until the person or persons making the same, shall previously discharge all debts actually due by him, her, or them, to the said company, which may exceed in amount the remaining stock belonging to such person or persons, and in no case shall any fractional part of a share, or other than a complete share or shares, be assignable or transferable. It is hereby further expressly agreed and declared, that any stockholder, who shall transfer in manner aforesaid, all his stock or shares in this company, to any other person or persons whatever, shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of this Company, and that any person or persons whatsoever, who shall accept a transfer of any stock or shares in this Company, shall *ipso facto* become and be a member of this Company, according to these articles of association.

Eighteenth. All bills, bonds, notes and every contract and engagement, on behalf of the Company, shall be signed by the President or Vice-President; and countersigned or attested by the Cashier of the Company; and the funds of the company shall in no case be held responsible for any contract or engagement whatever unless the same shall be so signed and countersigned, or attested as aforesaid.

Nineteenth. The books, papers, correspondence and funds of the Company, shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Directors, but no stockholder not Director, shall inspect the account of any individual or individuals, with the Company.

Twentieth. Half yearly dividends shall be made of so much of the profit of the Company as shall appear to the Directors advisable, and shall be payable at such place or places as the Directors shall appoint, of which they shall give public Notice in the Kingston Gazette, at least thirty days before; and the Directors shall every year at the general meeting for election thereof lay before the Stockholders for their information, an exact and particular statement of the amount of the debts due to, and by the Company, specifying the amount of Bank Notes then in circulation, and the amount of such debts as in their opinion are bad, or doubtful; as also, stating the surplus or profit, if any remaining after deduction of losses and provisions for dividends — Provided that the rendering of such statements shall not extend, to give any right to the Stockholders not directors to inspect the account of any individual or individuals with the Company.

Twenty first. If there shall be a failure in payment of any part of the sum or shares subscribed by any person or persons, co partnership, body politic or corporate, the party failing in paying the first instalment of ten *per centum*, succeeding the deposit of eight *per centum* herein before required to be made, shall respectively forfeit the said deposit to and for the use of the said Company, and the stock shall be sold at public sale for the behoof of the company; and on failure of paying the other instalments, or any of them, the party or parties failing therein shall forfeit the second deposit of ten *per centum*, and the dividends unpaid prior to the time for making such payment, and during the delay of the same.

Twenty second. The said Company shall not directly or indirectly deal in any thing, excepting Bills of Exchange, gold or silver, bullion, or in the sale of Goods really and truly pledged for money lent, and not redeemed in due time, or in the sale of stock pledged for money lent, and not so redeemed, which said goods and stock so pledged and not so redeemed, shall be sold by the said Company, at Public Sale, at any time not less than ten days after the period for redemption; and if upon such sale of Goods or Stock there shall be a surplus, after deducting the expenses of Sale, over the amount of the money lent such surplus shall be paid to the proprietors thereof respectively.

Twenty third. The board of Directors are hereby fully empowered to make such other bye laws and regulations, for the government of the affairs of the company, and that of their officers and servants, as they, or a majority of them shall from time to time think expedient, not inconsistent with law, or these articles of association.

Twenty fourth. This association shall continue twenty years from the first day it assumes a corporate character, and no longer; but the proprietors of two third of the Capital Stock of the company, may by their concurring votes at a general meeting to be called for that express purpose, alter or amend these articles or any of them or dissolve the company at any earlier period; provided that notice of such meeting, and its object, shall be published in the Provincial Newspapers for six month previous to the time appointed for such meeting; and provided also that no revival or a teration of these articles shall subject any stockholder or stockholders to be bound beyond the amount of his, her or their Stock.

Twenty fifth. Immediately on any dissolution of this association, effectual measures shall be taken by the Directors then existing for closing all the concerns of the company, and for dividing the capital and profits which may remain, among the stockholders in proportion to their respective interest.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our names at Kingston. 25

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Prince Edward

AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

Formed at Hallowell, Nov. 6. 1818.

We the undersigned do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Society, to be designated the Prince Edward Auxiliary Bible Society, the object of which shall be to co-operate with the Midland District Auxiliary Bible Society, in promoting a more general circulation of the Scriptures, and, for the government of which, we do hereby adopt, and agree to the following articles

ARTICLE 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Depository, and a committee of six elective members, besides those, who may be members ex officio.

ART. 2. Each general annual meeting shall be on the first day in February, at which time all the officers shall be chosen by ballot.

ART. 3. The Committee shall meet three times a year, viz. on the first Tuesday in January, May, and September.

ART. 4. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Depository, and Ministers of the Gospel, who are members of this Society shall be members of the Committee ex officio.

ART. 5. The Committee shall use their exertions in procuring Subscribers; — shall receive donations and contributions, and pay the same to the Treasurer; — shall furnish the Secretary and Treasurer with a list of Subscribers, with the amount of their several subscriptions annexed to each name respectively; — shall make particular inquiries where Bibles and Testaments are most in need, and, at their discretion, shall dispose of them at prime cost, reduced prices, or distribute them gratis, according to circumstances, the gratuitous distribution, however, in no case to exceed one fourth part of the amount at prime cost with the addition of incidental charges. It shall also be the duty of the Committee annually, or oftener, if they may think proper, to inspect the accounts of the Treasurer and Depository, and the records of the Secretary; — to order remittances from time to time to be made to the Midland District Auxiliary Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments, and in all things to consult the true interests of the Society, and steadily to keep in view its great and leading object, viz. the promotion of the more general circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and, at each annual meeting to lay before the Society a report of the whole of their proceedings during the preceeding year.

ART. 6. At all general meetings and meetings of the Committee, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in the absence of both the Vice-Presidents, a President appointed pro tem. Shall preside, maintain order, and give a casting vote, when an equal division takes place.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of each general meeting, and meetings of the Committee; — shall draw all drafts on the Treasurer, when ordered by the Committee, direct the Depository, to make remittances to the Midland District Auxiliary Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments; — shall keep a correct list of Subscribers with the amount of their Subscriptions annexed to their names respectively, and by a timely notice, shall, at any time, have power to call special meetings of the Committee with the concurrence of three or more of its members.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the Society, arising from any source; — to keep a correct account of the same, together with a list of Subscribers, with the amount of their several Subscriptions annexed to their names respectively; — to answer drafts drawn by the Secretary by order of the Committee, and, when requested by three or more members of the Committee, to lay his accounts open to inspection.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Depository, when directed by the Secretary, to receive money from the Treasurer, to make a remittance of the same to the Midland District Auxiliary Bible Society, with a request, that the amount thereof may be sent in Bibles and Testaments as speedily as may be; — to receive books on their arrival, to keep a correct account of the amount of remittances, and of books received; — to pay all incidental charges for freightage &c. which shall be reimbursed by the Committee; and to dispose of books agreeably to the 10th, 11th and 12th articles, and to pay the amount of sales from time to time to the Treasurer, and take his receipt for the same, and, at any time, to subject his accounts to inspection, when called on by three or more of the Committee.

ART. 10. Members of the Society may purchase books of the Depository to the amount of their several subscriptions at twenty five per cent discount, and those who are not members, at prime cost, incidental charges having in both cases been previously added.

ART. 11. Members of the Committee may at any time receive books of the Depository, and dispose of them agreeably to the fifth article, and shall pay the amount of what they may receive for the same, to the Treasurer, and take his receipt.

ART. 12. All books issued to members of the Committee shall be charged to the Committee jointly, and, for the proper disposal of them, those, to whom they were issued, shall be responsible.

ART. 13. When a vacancy occurs in any office, the Committee, shall have power to supply such vacancy by election till the next general meeting.

ART. 14. The minutes of all general meetings and meetings of the committee shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 15. Any person, who shall subscribe to these articles, and pay annually to the Treasurer, or any one of the Committee seven shillings and six pence, currency of U. C. shall be a Member of the Society.

ART. 16. A Subscriber, who shall pay three pounds at any one time, or after having paid four pounds by annual subscriptions, shall be a member for life.

ART. 17. The first election of Officers may take place by nomination as soon as there shall be twenty Subscribers, who shall continue in office to the first regular meeting, viz. on the first Tuesday in February 1819.

ART. 18. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall hereafter take place without the concurrence of at least two thirds of the members present at a general meeting, and without publick notice of such proposed alteration shall have been given in the Kingston Gazette at least four weeks previous to such meeting.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of Thurlow held at Belleville Nov. 5th 1818 Capt. John McMickell being called to the Chair, the following resolutions, were unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That it is with deep regret they have read a clause in the Lieutenant Governors Speech to both house of the Provincial Parliament, which at once excites their surprise and disappoints the fond hopes they anticipated, from his warm espousal of the People's Rights and Privileges: — In that part wherein he recommends a Law to suppress meetings of Townships by delegates, we consider, if carried into effect would be the first step to a breach of our Political liberty, which we hold to be sacred to be trifled with, and as our forefathers have done we will cherish and defend with our Lives and fortunes. Such a measure as recommanded if adopted, we conceive would endanger our Constitution, and excite such alarm and disgust, as might vitally operate against that which it intended to support.

The Governor expressing indignation at attempts made to excite discontent, and organize Sedition, is a reflection call u on his Majesty's Loyal subjects, they little deserve, or expected. We trust, such Words could only have escaped him, from undue influence, and wicked misrepresentations, by those creatures, who have long, practiced their iniquity, under the Vail of deception.

Whilst we protest against such expressions, tho' they may wound our feelings, it can never shake our Loyalty; our intentions are honest, and our proceedings Lawful, and whilst we thus support the Pillars of our Constitution, we have nothing to fear or dread. — The quiet, peaceable, and systematic manner which the people have met to Petition for Enquiry, is an Example to European nations, and will gain applause from every part of the civilized World.

Too long we have been trampered with by weak men, artful only in seeking their own Interest, we now feel the necessity of dispersing such men, to make room for others more virtuous and Independant. It is with shame we confess we have paid too little attention in the appointment of men to represent us in Parliament, so far we have to blame ourselves, but such an error, can easily and immediately be corrected at the will of our Governor, whom we sincerely believe is desirious to promote the happiness and interest of the people, if influenced by the dictates of his own heart.

Resolved. That the answer of a Majority in the commons House Assembly, to that part of the Governors speech, in which he has mentioned indignation at attempts having been made to excite discontent and organize Sedition, recommending a Law of restraint, to prevent meetings of Township Delegates, observing that such Meetings cannot exist without endangering the Constitution, we highly deprecate, and deeply lament as well as that part of their answer, criminating an innocent individual who has been honorably acquitted by his country.

Resolved. That we feel assured a meeting of Delegates for the purpose of petitioning the Crown or Legislature, for enquiry into the state of the Province, is the most effectual and constitutional mode of obtaining redress of grievances generally believed to exist; and that such meetings in no wise endangers the Constitution; and that to be deprived of such a right, would be highly dangerous to the Rights and Privileges of the People.

Resolved. That we protest against any Law, which infringes upon the right of Petitioning the Crown or Legislature, as enjoyed by the Constitution of England.

Resolved. That the Petition, this day adopted to Sir Peregrine Maitland be left at Widow Margaret Simpsons, Belleville, for Signatures until Monday next 9th instant.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. Gourley for his attendance, and likewise to Captain John McMickell for his spirited conduct on the occasion.

To His Excellency Major General Sir Peregrine Maitland K. C. B. Lieut. Governor of Upper Canada &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Thurlow,

Humbly Sheweth,

We His Majesty's loyal Subjects have with great mortification read that part of your Excellency's Speech, which throws an odium upon the people of this Province, and deeply lament, such sentiments should have been countenanced by the Commons House of Assembly, we nevertheless protest against such declamations. As it respects your Excellency we can easily conceive the vile misrepresentations which have met your ear, and induced a premature opinion; which we hope by our manifest loyalty to convince you are groundless, and only to be mentioned to be despised. To the same source of iniquity we attribute your opinion has been rashly formed of an attempt having been made to excite discontent and to organize sedition, which we believe, and are well convinced, is as far from the intention of [illegible]